

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A security identification system for providing information regarding subjects to be identified, verified, or both, said system comprising:

biometric data input means for receiving biometric data regarding a subject;

biometric analysis means for analyzing said biometric data and comparing it against known biometric data in a database, and for providing match data that is indicative of whether a match exists and whether the match is above a certain correlation threshold;

expert analysis means for automatically providing said biometric data to an analyst workstation if the match data is below a certain correlation threshold; and

security clearance output means coupled to said biometric analysis means and to said expert analysis means for providing an indication of whether the subject is cleared identified, verified, or both.

2. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said biometric data input means includes a miniature camera.

3. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said biometric data input means includes a micro display that is viewable only by a screener that is using the biometric data input means.

4. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said biometric data input means includes a microphone.

5. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said biometric data input means includes an earphone, a microphone, a miniature camera and a micro display.

6. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said biometric data input means includes a computer processor that is coupled to a camera and a microphone and said camera is programmed to take a picture responsive to information received by said microphone during normal conversation by a screener.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~personal~~ security identification system for providing information regarding subjects to be identified, verified, or both, said system comprising:

- a headset that may be worn by a screener, said headset including an earphone, a camera, a micro display, and a microphone; and

- a headset processor coupled to said headset for processing image data received by said camera and for transmitting processed image data to a central facility, said central facility including:

- a storage medium including data regarding known high-risk individuals;

- an analysis processor for comparing said processed image data with said data regarding known high-risk individuals and for producing match data indicative of the level of match of said processed image data with said data regarding known high-risk individuals; and

- an expert analyst workstation for automatically receiving said processed image data if said match data indicates that a match is a weak match.

8. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said headset includes a micro display.

9. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said headset includes a miniature camera.

10. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said system further provides training and performance feedback to a screener.

11. (Original) The security identification system as claimed in claim 10, wherein said performance feedback to a screener is automatically provided responsive to performance data that is automatically generated by said system for each screener.

12. (Currently Amended) A biometric data acquisition system for use in a security identification system, said data acquisition system comprising a unit that may be worn by a screener, said unit including a ~~miniature~~ camera that is configured to take a picture responsive to the sound of the screener saying a certain trigger word during normal conversation by the screener.

13. (Original) The biometric data acquisition system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said picture includes image data of a person's face from which biometric data may be extracted.

14. (Original) The biometric data acquisition system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said picture includes image data of an iris of a person's eye from which biometric data may be extracted.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of verifying the identity of a person and checking whether the person is a high-risk individual, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

stating a keyword while looking at the ~~subject to be identified~~ person ;

taking a picture of the person responsive to the keyword; ~~of the subject;~~ and

forwarding data representative of the picture of the subject person to a central facility that includes data regarding known high-risk individuals in a central storage medium; and

analyzing said data representative of the picture at the central facility.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, ~~wherein said method further comprising comprises the steps of~~ determining whether a match exists between said data representative of the picture and any of the data regarding known high-risk individuals, and generating match data that is indicative of whether a match exists and whether the match is strong or weak.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, ~~wherein said method further comprising comprises the step of~~ forwarding said data representative of the picture to an expert analyst at an expert analyst's workstation.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said ~~step of~~ forwarding said data representative of the picture to an expert analyst at an expert analyst's workstation is responsive to said match data.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said ~~step of~~ forwarding said data representative of the picture to an expert analyst at an expert analyst's workstation is responsive to said data regarding known high-risk individuals.

20. (New) A security identification system for providing information regarding subjects to be identified, verified, or both, said system comprising:

a biometric data input device for receiving biometric data regarding a subject;

a biometric analysis processor for analyzing said biometric data and comparing it against known biometric data in a database, and for providing match data that is indicative of whether a match exists and whether the match is above a certain correlation threshold;

an expert analysis unit for automatically providing said biometric data to an analyst workstation if the match data is below a certain correlation threshold; and

a security clearance output unit coupled to said biometric analysis processor and to said expert analysis means for providing an indication of whether the subject is identified, verified, or both.